

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 2, lines 8-18 have been amended as follows:

Compared to the conventional U-shaped fluorescent lamp, the fluorescent lamp with two helical tube sections provides increased luminance and more uniform light beams while having a simplified structure. The base 11, however, cannot be used with a conventional lamp-mounting base for an incandescent lamp. In particular, the lamp seat 12 between the base 11 and the illuminating tube 13 of the fluorescent lamp 1 has a considerable volume for receiving the elements 14 of the illuminating circuit, which results in an excessively long fluorescent lamp (including the length of the illuminating tube 13 for improving the illumination effect) in comparison with a conventional incandescent lamp. Further, the light beams **(see arrows 10 in Fig. 1)** illuminated by an upper portion 133 of the illuminating tube 13 is obstructed by a lower portion 134 of the illuminating tube 13.